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The MAILING DATE of this communication appe All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS therewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT Right the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 1. This communication is responsive to 11/17/05. 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 34-38, 40-42, 44-54, 56-68, 70- 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority un a) All b) Some* c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received:	ears on the cover sheet with the co (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this apport of the appropriate communication GHTS. This application is subject to and MPEP 1308. -82, 84-96, 98-110, 112-114 with amount of the appropriate of the application of the application No	prrespondence address plication. If not included will be mailed in due course. THIS withdrawal from issue at the initiative mendments.				
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Paula Borden on December 8, 2005.

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In claim 34, 47, 59, 73, 87, 101:

Replace: "...human plasma hyaluronidase..." with "...naturally occurring human plasma hyaluronidase..."

Replace: "...wherein said polypeptide is glycosylated,..." with

"...wherein said polypeptide is at least 60%, by weight, free from the proteins and naturally-occurring organic molecules with which it is naturally associated and wherein said polypeptide is glycosylated,..."

In claims 40, 42, 52, 53, 61, 67, 75, 81, 94, 96, 108 and 109 replace:

at least about -- with -- at least--.

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In claim 47 replace:

■ above about -- with -- above --

In claim 87, 101 replace:

"... below about..." with "... below..."

Canceled claims:

43, 55, 69, 83, 97 and 111 are cancelled given that these claims are encompassed in the limitation of the independent claims.

Reason for allowance:

The claims directed to a substantially purified preparation of naturally occurring biologically active human plasma hyaluronidase enzymes as disclosed on page 13 line 2-24. Applicant's submission of a declaration under 1.132 and the clarification provided contrasting their plasma hyaluronidase preparation and Affify's plasma hyaluronidase purification in terms of the steps, starting material and most importantly the activity/unit enzyme is persuasive. In addition although the prior art (Bader et al.) teaches a Human tumor suppressor (LUCA-1) mRNA and deduced amino acid sequence identical to the human plasma hyaluronidase identified by applicants, the disclosure does not teach a human plasma hyaluronidase enzyme or a recombinant human plasma hyaluronidase enzyme substantially purified 6x10⁵ rTRU as shown by the applicants. Therefore the claims drawn to a substantially pure naturally occurring human plasma hyaluronidase enzyme is allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kagnew H. Gebreyesus whose telephone number is 571-272-2937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5: 30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Achutamurthy ponnathapura can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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